	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
(vi) Grants for Upgradation and Special Problems	79.36	24.29	64.58
(vii) Grants for Local Bodies	126.90	146.34	63.29

Kisan Credit Cards

3110. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kisan Credit Cards issued in Karnataka;

(b) whether it is a fact that many banks are refusing to give credit under the credit cards; and

(c) if so, whether Government are going to take any action against the erring banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that as on 30 June, 2001 a total of 9,26,509 Kisan Credit Cards have been issued by all banks in Karnataka since the inception of the scheme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Private Sector in pension schemes

3111. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow private sector to enter into the pension schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what would be its impact on the existing pension schemes of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The private management of pension and provident funds of Central Government employees is under consideration.

Schemes for Poor and Rural Women in H.P.

3112. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for poor and rural women started by NABARD in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the names of districts covered under the schemes and the result thereof, category-wise; and

(c) the details of the schemes proposed to be started by NABARD in Himachal Pradesh during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it has not formulated any special scheme for women in Himachal Pradesh. The refinance disbursed by NABARD for various purposes in the State includes disbursements made to rural and poor women. NABARD has, however, introduced exclusive schemes for rural women *viz.* Assistance to Rural Women in Non-farm Development (ARWIND) and Assistance for Marketing of Non-farm Products of Rural Women (MAHIMA), which are schemes operated by Voluntary Organisations/Non-Government Organisations/other registered institutions. In Himachal Pradesh, 240 women were covered through 8 agencies involving an assistance of Rs. 11.77 lakh under the ARWIND Scheme. In addition, NABARD has also supported establishment of 4 women development cells in